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AN ACT CONCERNING DIRECT PRIMARIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) Petition forms for candidacies for nomination to
2 state office, as defined in section 9-372 of the general statutes, or the
3 district office of representative in Congress shall be available from the
4 Secretary of the State beginning the first business day in March in
5 even-numbered years. Petition forms for candidacies for nomination to
6 the district offices of judge of probate, state senator or state
7 representative shall be available from the Secretary of the State
8 beginning on the day following the close of the applicable district
9 convention. Any person who requests a petition form shall give the
10 person's name and address and the name, address and office sought of
11 each candidate for whom the petition is being obtained and shall file a
12 statement signed by each such candidate that such candidate consents
13 to be a candidate for such office. Each such candidate shall include on
14 the statement of consent the candidate's name as the candidate
15 authorizes it to appear on the ballot. Upon receiving such information

16 and statement, the Secretary shall type or print on a petition form the
17 name and address of each such candidate, the office sought and the
18 political party holding the primary. The Secretary shall give to any
19 person requesting such form one or more petition pages, suitable for
20 duplication, as the Secretary deems necessary. If the person is
21 requesting the form on behalf of an indigent candidate or a group of
22 indigent candidates listed on the same petition, the Secretary shall give
23 the person the number of original pages that the person requests or the
24 number which the Secretary deems sufficient. An original petition
25 page filled in by the Secretary may be duplicated by or on behalf of the
26 candidate or candidates listed on the page and signatures may be
27 obtained on such duplicates. The duplicates may be filed in the same
28 manner and shall be subject to the same requirements as original
29 petition pages. All information relative to primary petitions shall be a
30 public record.

31 Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) The petition form for candidacies for nomination
32 to state or district office shall be prescribed and provided by the
33 Secretary of the State, and signatures shall be obtained only on such
34 form or on duplicate petition pages produced in accordance with the
35 provisions of section 1 of this act. The form shall include a statement of
36 instructions to persons using the form and shall indicate the date and
37 time by which it shall be filed and the person with whom it shall be
38 filed. The form shall provide spaces for the names and addresses of the
39 candidates, the offices to which nomination is sought and the political
40 party holding the primary, and shall provide lines for the signatures,
41 street addresses and dates of birth of enrolled party members
42 supporting the person or persons on behalf of whose candidacy the
43 petition is used.

44 (b) Only as many candidates may be proposed in any one primary
45 petition for the same office as are to be nominated by such party for
46 such office, but any one primary petition may propose as many
47 candidates for different offices as there are nominations to be made.

48 (c) The names of enrolled party members signing a primary petition
49 need not all be on one page, but may be on several pages, provided no
50 person shall sign more than one petition page for the same candidate
51 or candidates. Each such page shall indicate the candidate or
52 candidates supported, the offices sought and the political party for
53 which nomination is being sought. No page of such a petition shall
54 contain the names of enrolled party members residing in different
55 municipalities and any petition page which has been certified by the
56 registrars of two or more municipalities shall be rejected by the
57 Secretary. Withdrawal of petition signatures shall not be permitted.

58 (d) Each circulator of a primary petition page shall be an enrolled
59 party member of a municipality in this state who is entitled to vote in
60 the primary for which such petition is being filed. Each petition page
61 shall contain a statement signed by the registrar of the municipality in
62 which the circulator is an enrolled party member attesting that the
63 circulator is an enrolled party member in the municipality and is
64 entitled to vote in the primary for which the petition is being filed.
65 Unless such a statement by the registrar appears on each page so
66 submitted, the Secretary shall reject the page. Each separate page of the
67 petition shall contain a statement as to the authenticity of the
68 signatures on the page and the number of such signatures, and shall be
69 signed under the penalties of false statement by the person who
70 circulated the page, setting forth the circulator's address and the town
71 in which the circulator is an enrolled party member and attesting that
72 each person whose name appears on the page signed the petition in
73 person in the presence of the circulator, that the circulator either
74 knows each such signer or that the signer satisfactorily identified
75 himself or herself to the circulator and that the spaces for candidates
76 supported, offices sought and the political party involved were filled
77 in prior to the obtaining of the signatures. Each separate page of the
78 petition shall also be acknowledged before an appropriate person as
79 provided in section 1-29 of the general statutes. The Secretary shall
80 reject any page of a petition filed with the Secretary which does not
81 contain such a statement by the circulator as to the authenticity of the

82 signatures on the page, or upon which the statement of the circulator is
83 incomplete in any respect, or which does not contain the certification
84 required under this section by the registrar of the town in which the
85 circulator is an enrolled party member. Any individual proposed as a
86 candidate in any primary petition may serve as a circulator of the
87 pages of the petition, provided the individual's service as circulator
88 does not violate any provision of this section.

89 Sec. 3. (NEW) (a) Upon the receipt of any page of a petition
90 proposing a candidacy for a state or district office, the registrar shall
91 forthwith sign and give to the person submitting the petition a receipt,
92 in duplicate, stating the number of pages filed and the date and time of
93 filing. The person or the candidate shall forthwith send one copy of the
94 receipt to the Secretary of the State. The registrar shall indicate on each
95 such petition page the date and time of filing, shall forthwith certify on
96 each such page the number of signers of the page who were enrolled
97 on the last-completed enrollment list of such party in the municipality
98 or political subdivision, as the case may be, and shall forthwith file
99 such certified page in person or by mail, as described in section 9-140b
100 of the general statutes, with the Secretary within seven days after
101 receipt of the page. In checking the signatures on primary petition
102 pages, the registrar shall reject any name which does not appear on the
103 last-completed enrollment list of such party in the municipality or
104 political subdivision, as the case may be. Such rejection shall be
105 indicated by placing an "R" before the name rejected. The registrar may
106 place a check mark before each name appearing on the enrollment list
107 to indicate approval but shall place no other mark on the page except as
108 provided in this act and in chapter 153 of the general statutes. The
109 registrar shall not reject any name for which the street address on the
110 petition is different from the street address on the enrollment list, if (1)
111 such person is eligible to vote for the candidate or candidates named in
112 the petition, and (2) the person's date of birth, as shown on the petition
113 page, is the same as the date of birth on the person's registration
114 record.

115 (b) Upon the filing of all pages of a petition, the Secretary shall reject
116 any page of the petition which does not contain the certifications
117 required in section 2 of this act or which the Secretary determines to
118 have been circulated in violation of any provision of said section 2, and
119 shall cause the number of certified signatures to be tabulated. Petitions
120 filed with the Secretary shall be preserved for a period of three years
121 and then may be destroyed.

122 Sec. 4. Section 9-383 of the general statutes is repealed and the
123 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

124 The time and place of meeting of a state or district convention shall
125 be fixed by the state central committee or other authority of the party
126 holding such convention, in accordance with the rules of such party;
127 provided each such convention held to endorse candidates for state or
128 district office to be voted upon at a state election shall be convened not
129 earlier than the [sixty-eighth] ninety-sixth day and closed not later
130 than the [fiftieth] seventy-eighth day preceding the day of the primary
131 for such office.

132 Sec. 5. Section 9-400 of the general statutes is repealed and the
133 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

134 (a) [Within fourteen days following the close of the state convention,
135 a] A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state office may
136 be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name appears upon the
137 last-completed enrollment list of such party in any municipality within
138 the state and who has either (1) received at least fifteen per cent of the
139 votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call
140 vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a
141 candidate for such state office, whether or not the party-endorsed
142 candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot,
143 or (2) circulated a petition and obtained the signatures of at least two
144 per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the state, including
145 at least one per cent of the enrolled members of such party from each
146 congressional district, in accordance with the provisions of sections 1

147 to 3, inclusive, of this act. Candidacies described in subdivision (1) of
148 this subsection shall be filed by [the] filing with the Secretary of the
149 State [, of] not later than four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day
150 following the close of the state convention, a certificate, signed by such
151 candidate and attested by either [(1)] (A) the chairman or presiding
152 officer, or [(2)] (B) the secretary of the convention, that such candidate
153 received at least fifteen per cent of such votes, and that [he] such
154 candidate consents to be a candidate in a primary of such party for
155 such state office. Such certificate shall specify the candidate's name as
156 [he] the candidate authorizes it to appear on the ballot, [his] the
157 candidate's full residence address and the title of the office for which
158 [his] the candidacy is being filed. A single such certificate for state
159 office may be filed on behalf of two or more candidates for different
160 state offices who consent to have their names appear on a single row of
161 the primary ballot label under subsection (b) of section 9-437, as
162 amended by this act. Candidacies described in subdivision (2) of this
163 subsection shall be filed by submitting said petition not later than four
164 o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day following the close of the state
165 convention to the registrar of voters of the towns in which the
166 respective petition pages were circulated. Each registrar shall file each
167 page of such petition with the secretary in accordance with the
168 provisions of section 3 of this act. Except as provided in section 9-416a,
169 upon the expiration of the fourteen-day period, if one or more
170 candidacies for such state office have been filed pursuant to the
171 provisions of this section, the Secretary of the State shall notify all
172 town clerks in accordance with the provisions of section 9-433, that a
173 primary for such state office shall be held in each municipality in
174 accordance with the provisions of section 9-415, as amended by this
175 act.

176 (b) [Within fourteen days following the close of the district
177 convention, a] A candidacy for nomination by a political party to a
178 district office may be filed by or on behalf of any person whose name
179 appears upon the last-completed enrollment list of such party within
180 any municipality or part of a municipality forming a component part

181 of such district and who has either (1) received at least fifteen per cent
182 of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-
183 call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a
184 candidate for such district office, whether or not the party-endorsed
185 candidate for such office received a unanimous vote on the last ballot,
186 or (2) circulated a petition and obtained the signatures of at least two
187 per cent of the enrolled members of such party in the district for the
188 district office of representative in congress, and at least five per cent of
189 the enrolled members of such party in the district for the district offices
190 of state senator, state representative and judge of probate, in
191 accordance with the provisions of sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act.
192 Candidacies described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be
193 filed by [the] filing with the Secretary of the State [of] not later than
194 four o'clock p.m. on the fourteenth day following the close of the
195 district convention, a certificate, signed by such candidate and attested
196 by either [(1)] (A) the chairman or presiding officer, or [(2)] (B) the
197 secretary of the convention, that such candidate received at least fifteen
198 per cent of such votes, and that he consents to be a candidate in a
199 primary of such party for such district office. Such certificate shall
200 specify the candidate's name as [he] the candidate authorizes it to
201 appear on the ballot, [his] the candidate's full residence address and
202 the title and district of the office for which [his] the candidacy is being
203 filed. Candidacies described in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall
204 be filed by submitting said petition not later than four o'clock p.m. on
205 the fourteenth day following the close of the district convention to the
206 registrar of voters of the towns in which the respective petition pages
207 were circulated. Each registrar shall file each page of such petition with
208 the secretary in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of this act.
209 Except as provided in section 9-416a, upon the expiration of the
210 fourteen-day period, if one or more candidacies for such district office
211 have been filed pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Secretary
212 of the State shall notify all town clerks within the district, in
213 accordance with the provisions of section 9-433, that a primary for
214 such district office shall be held in [any] each municipality [or] and

215 each part of [any] a municipality within the district in accordance with
216 the provisions of section 9-415, as amended by this act.

217 (c) For the purposes of this section, the number of enrolled members
218 of a party shall be determined by the latest enrollment records in the
219 office of the Secretary of the State prior to the earliest date that primary
220 petitions were available.

221 (d) On the last day for filing primary petition candidacies in
222 accordance with the provisions of this section, the office or office
223 facilities of the registrars of voters shall open not later than one o'clock
224 p.m., and remain open until at least four o'clock p.m., and such
225 registrars or the deputy or assistant registrars shall be present.

226 Sec. 6. Section 9-405 of the general statutes is repealed and the
227 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

228 (a) (1) Candidacies of persons other than party-endorsed candidates
229 for nomination by a political party to [any] a municipal office to be
230 voted upon at a municipal election, or for election as town committee
231 members or delegates to conventions shall be filed with the registrar,
232 as provided in section 9-406, as amended by this act, not later than four
233 o'clock p.m. on the thirty-fourth day preceding the day of the primary
234 of such party for the nomination of candidates for such office or for the
235 election of town committee members or delegates to conventions,
236 which day and hour shall be specified on the petition forms. (2)
237 Candidacies of persons, other than party-endorsed candidates, for
238 nomination by a political party to a municipal office to be voted upon
239 at a state election shall be filed with the registrar, as provided in
240 section 9-406, as amended by this act, not later than four o'clock p.m.
241 on the fourteenth day following the making of the party's endorsement
242 of a candidate for such office. Said day and hour shall be specified on
243 the petition forms.

244 (b) On [such] the last day for filing [such] primary petition
245 candidacies in accordance with the provisions of this section, the office

246 or office facilities of the registrars of voters shall open not later than
247 one o'clock p.m., and remain open until at least four o'clock p.m., and
248 such registrars or their deputy or assistant registrars shall be present
249 therein.

250 Sec. 7. Section 9-406 of the general statutes is repealed and the
251 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

252 [Within the time specified in section 9-405, a] A candidacy for
253 nomination by a political party to a municipal office or a candidacy for
254 election as a member of a town committee may be filed by or on behalf
255 of any person whose name appears upon the last-completed
256 enrollment list of such party within the municipality or within the
257 political subdivision, [or] senatorial district or assembly district within
258 which a person is to be nominated or a town committee member is to
259 be elected, as the case may be. [,] Any such candidacy shall be filed by
260 filing with the registrar within the applicable time specified in section
261 9-405, as amended by this act, a petition signed by (1) at least five per
262 cent of the electors whose names appear upon the last-completed
263 enrollment list of such party in such municipality or in such political
264 subdivision, [or] senatorial district or assembly district, or [, signed by]
265 (2) such lesser number of such electors as such party by its rules
266 prescribes, as the case may be. For the purpose of computing five per
267 cent of the last-completed enrollment list, the registrar shall use the last
268 printed enrollment list and the printed supplementary or updated list,
269 if any, of a political party certified and last completed by the registrars
270 of voters prior to the date the first primary petition was issued,
271 excluding therefrom the names of individuals who have ceased to be
272 electors.

273 Sec. 8. Section 9-412 of the general statutes is repealed and the
274 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

275 Upon the [filing] receipt of any page of a petition proposing a
276 candidacy for a municipal office or for member of a town committee or
277 delegates or district delegates to a convention, the registrar shall

278 forthwith sign and give to the person [so] submitting [a page or pages
279 of such] the petition a receipt, [indicating] in duplicate, stating the
280 number of [such] pages [so submitted] filed and the date and time
281 [when such pages were submitted] of filing and shall forthwith certify
282 on each such [sheet] page the number of signers [thereon] of the page
283 who were enrolled on the last-completed enrollment list of such party
284 [and] in the municipality or political subdivision, as the case may be,
285 and shall forthwith file such [sheet, so] certified page, with the clerk of
286 the municipality, together with [his] the registrar's certificate as to the
287 whole number of names on the last-completed enrollment list of such
288 party in such municipality or political subdivision, as the case may be.
289 In [the] checking [of] signatures on primary petition pages, the
290 registrar shall reject any name if such name does not appear on the
291 last-completed enrollment list in the municipality or political
292 subdivision, as the case may be. Such rejection shall be indicated by
293 [the] placing [of] an "R" before the name [so] rejected. The registrar
294 may place a check mark before each name appearing on [such] the
295 enrollment list to indicate approval but shall place no other mark on
296 [such] the page except as provided in this chapter. The registrar shall
297 not reject any name for which the street address on the petition is
298 different from the street address on the enrollment list, if (1) such
299 person is eligible to vote for the candidate or candidates named in the
300 petition and (2) the person's date of birth, as shown on the petition
301 page, is the same as the date of birth on the person's registration
302 record. The registrar shall reject any page of a petition which does not
303 contain the certifications provided in section 9-410, or which [is
304 determined by said] the registrar determines to have been circulated in
305 violation of any other provision [thereof] of section 9-410. Petitions
306 filed with the municipal clerk shall be preserved for a period of three
307 years and then may be destroyed.

308 Sec. 9. Section 9-415 of the general statutes is repealed and the
309 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

310 [If within the time specified in sections 9-400 and 9-405 a candidacy

311 for nomination by a political party to a state, district or municipal
 312 office is filed by or on behalf of any person other than a party-
 313 endorsed candidate in conformity with the provisions of sections 9-400
 314 to 9-414, inclusive, or if within such time candidacies numbering at
 315 least twenty-five per cent of the number of town committee members
 316 to be elected by a party either in the municipality or in the political
 317 subdivision, as the case may be, are filed by or on behalf of persons
 318 other than party-endorsed candidates in conformity with the
 319 provisions of sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive, or if within such time
 320 candidacies for election as delegates to a convention of a political party
 321 are filed by or on behalf of a slate of persons other than party-endorsed
 322 candidates in conformity with the provisions of said sections, a
 323 primary shall be held in each municipality of the state or district, or in
 324 the municipality or political subdivision thereof or senatorial district or
 325 assembly district or in each part of a municipality which is a
 326 component part of a senatorial or assembly district composed of parts
 327 of two towns or of a town or towns and a part or parts of another town
 328 or towns therein in which the nomination for municipal office is to be
 329 made or in which members of a town committee or delegates to a
 330 convention are to be elected, or in each municipality in the district in
 331 which district delegates to a convention are to be elected, as the case
 332 may be, to determine the nominee of such party for such office or to
 333 elect the members of the town committee or the delegates to the
 334 convention, except as provided in sections 9-416a, 9-418, 9-419 and 9-
 335 420.]

336 (a) If a candidacy for nomination by a political party to a state office
 337 is filed by or on behalf of any person other than a party-endorsed
 338 candidate within the time specified in subsection (a) of section 9-400,
 339 as amended by this act, and in conformity with the provisions of
 340 section 9-400, as amended by this act, a primary shall be held in each
 341 municipality of the state to determine the nominee of such party for
 342 such office, except as provided in section 9-416a.

343 (b) If a candidacy for nomination by a political party to a district

344 office is filed by or on behalf of any person other than a party-
345 endorsed candidate within the time specified in subsection (b) of
346 section 9-400, as amended by this act, and in conformity with the
347 provisions of section 9-400, as amended, a primary shall be held in
348 each municipality of the district, to determine the nominee of such
349 party for such office, except as provided in section 9-416a.

350 (c) If a candidacy for nomination by a political party to a municipal
351 office is filed by or on behalf of any person other than a party-
352 endorsed candidate within the applicable time specified in section 9-
353 405, as amended by this act, and in conformity with the provisions of
354 sections 9-405, 9-406, 9-406a, 9-409, 9-410 and 9-412, as amended by
355 this act, and 9-414, a primary shall be held in the municipality or
356 political subdivision thereof in which the nomination for municipal
357 office is to be made, to determine the nominee of such party for such
358 office, except as provided in section 9-418.

359 (d) If candidacies numbering at least twenty-five per cent of the
360 number of town committee members to be elected by a party either in
361 the municipality or in the political subdivision, as the case may be, are
362 filed by or on behalf of persons other than party-endorsed candidates
363 within the time specified in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section
364 9-405, as amended by this act, and in conformity with the provisions of
365 sections 9-405, 9-406, 9-406a, 9-409 to 9-412, inclusive, as amended by
366 this act, and 9-414, a primary shall be held in the municipality or
367 political subdivision thereof in which members of a town committee
368 are to be elected, to elect the members of the town committee, except as
369 provided in sections 9-419 and 9-421.

370 Sec. 10. Section 9-416 of the general statutes is repealed and the
371 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

372 If [at a state or district convention no person other than a party-
373 endorsed candidate has received at least fifteen per cent of the votes of
374 the delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the
375 endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for a state or

376 district office, or if] within the time specified in section 9-400, as
377 amended by this act, no candidacy for nomination by a political party
378 to [such] a state or district office has been filed by or on behalf of a
379 person other than a party-endorsed candidate in conformity with the
380 provisions of [sections 9-400 to 9-414, inclusive] section 9-400, as
381 amended, no primary shall be held by such party for such office and
382 the party-endorsed candidate for such office shall be deemed to have
383 been lawfully chosen as the nominee of such party for such office.

384 Sec. 11. Section 9-433 of the general statutes is repealed and the
385 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

386 [Upon the expiration of the fourteen-day period prescribed by
387 section 9-400, and] After the deadline set forth in section 9-400, as
388 amended by this act, for filing candidacies, and upon the completion of
389 the tabulation of petition signatures, if any, if one or more candidacies
390 for nomination by a political party to a state or district office have been
391 filed in accordance with the provisions of [said] section 9-400, as
392 amended by this act, the Secretary of the State shall notify the clerk of
393 each town within the state or within the district, as the case may be,
394 that a primary is to be held by such party for the nomination of such
395 party to such office. Such notice shall include a list of all the proposed
396 candidates, those endorsed by the convention as well as those filing
397 candidacies, together with their addresses and the titles of the office
398 for which they are candidates and, if applicable, a statement that
399 unaffiliated electors may vote in the primary. The clerk of each such
400 town shall thereupon cause such notice to be published forthwith in a
401 newspaper having a general circulation in such town, together with a
402 statement of the date upon which the primary is to be held, the hours
403 during which the polls shall be open and the location of the polls.

404 Sec. 12. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 9-437 of the general
405 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

406 (a) At the top of each ballot label shall be printed the name of the
407 party holding the primary, and each ballot label shall contain the

names of all candidates to be voted upon at such primary, except the names of delegates to conventions. The vertical columns shall be headed by the designation of the office or position and instructions as to the number for which an elector may vote for such office or position, in the same manner as a ballot label used in a regular election. The name of each candidate for town committee or municipal office, except for the municipal offices of state senator and state representative, shall appear on the ballot label as it appears on the registry list of such candidate's town of voting residence, except as provided in section 9-42a. The name of each candidate for state or district office or for the municipal offices of state senator or state representative shall appear on the ballot as it appears on the certificate or statement of consent filed under section 9-388, [subsection (b) of section] 9-391, [or section] 9-400, [or] as amended by this act, 9-409, or section 1 of this act. On the first horizontal line, below the designation of the office or position in each column, shall be placed the name of the party-endorsed candidate for such office or position, such name to be marked with an asterisk; provided, where more than one person may be voted for for any office or position, the names of the party-endorsed candidates shall be arranged in alphabetical order from left to right under the appropriate office or position designation and shall continue, if necessary, from left to right on the next lower line or lines. In the case of no party endorsement there shall be inserted the designation "no party endorsement" at the head of the vertical column, immediately beneath the designation of the office or position. On the horizontal lines below the line for party-endorsed candidates shall be placed, in the appropriate columns, the names of all other candidates as hereinafter provided.

(b) (1) In the case of two or more such candidates for the same state or district office, precedence as to row shall be determined by the alphabetical order of the surnames of such candidates, except as provided under subdivision (2) of this subsection. (2) If a single certificate or a single petition has been filed under subsection (a) of section 9-400, as amended by this act, on behalf of two or more

442 candidates and proposing one candidate for each state office to be
443 contested at such primary, a single row shall be used for the names of
444 such candidates and precedence as to row between such certificates
445 and petitions shall be determined by the Secretary of the State by lot in
446 a ceremony which shall be open to the public. The names of all other
447 candidates for state office shall be placed in the appropriate columns in
448 alphabetical order on the rows below the row or rows used for
449 candidates whose names are contained in such a single certificate, [or]
450 certificates, single petition or petitions.

451 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 9-453i of the general statutes is
452 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

453 (a) Each page of a nominating petition proposing a candidate for an
454 office to be filled at a regular election shall be submitted to the
455 appropriate town clerk or to the Secretary of the State not later than
456 four o'clock p.m. on the [final day for the filing of primary petitions for
457 municipal offices to be filled at such election pursuant to section 9-405]
458 ninetieth day preceding the day of the regular election.

459 Sec. 14. This act shall take effect January 1, 2002, and shall apply to
460 primaries and elections held on or after January 1, 2002.

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]